

Grand Prairie ISD School Health Advisory Council

Minutes for: Feb 28, 2024 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Location: GPISD Education Center Board Room A

Meeting of the School Health Advisory Council was called to order on Feb 28, 2024 , at 12:02 p.m. by Patience Baity.

Attendees: Patience Lewis Baity, Umeka Wright, Dr. Dana Jackson, Maria Herrera, Gwendolyn Sanders, Shiloh Israel, Ayaka Kojima, Vanessa Baum, Emily Liles, Chris Hamilton, Dr. Blanca McGee, Heather Anderson, Rosie Mendez, Isabella Medderman, Elsa Zamora, Ruth Minoti, Patrica Calahan, Dr. Debra Boozer, Jason Farris, Letycia Fowler, Dustin Seymour, Evelyn Cabreja, Abigahil Hernandez

Patience Baity, Executive Director of Health and Wellness Services, introduced herself and welcomed everyone and outlined the purpose of the SHAC meeting. Mrs. Baity acknowledged our community partners, parents and Board members.

Open Forum for Agenda Items:

- A. No agenda items for open forum

Minutes Approval: Umeka Wright motioned to approve the minutes from January 10, 2024. Seconded by Maria Herrera. A motion was presented, properly seconded and carried.

New Business/Presentations

- A. Family and Community Engagement Initiatives,
 - a. Discussed the importance of collaborating with families and the community. Discussed the plan to collaborate with Maria Herrera, Director of Family and Community Engagement.
 - b. Ms. Herrera discussed how her department is assisting in raising awareness among families about partnering with the SHAC.
 - c. Ms. Herrera provided members with a Family and Community Engagement flier with information and details of upcoming events.
- B. Wellness Activity, Umeka Wright, Director of Student and Employee Wellness
 - a. Wellness Wheel
 - i. Discussed the importance of staff wellness and mental well-being for both staff and parents when interacting with students. Members participated in a wellness activity to assess their current level of well-being across the eight dimensions of wellness.
- C. Student Wellness in Primary & Secondary Education: Treating the Whole Student: Patience Baity, BSN, RN, Executive Director of Health & Wellness
 - a. Discussed the importance of addressing the holistic needs of students, emphasizing the importance of treating the whole student. Additionally,

acknowledging the interconnection between staff wellness and student wellness and promoting a healthy learning environment.

Action Item

Dr. Blanca Sanchez McGee, Executive Director of Social Emotional Learning

Presented SB 9: (Violence Prevention Curriculum) during January 10, 2024 meeting. Committee members were provided with a curriculum overview.

Asked for Questions prior to adoption

No questions were asked

Motion brought by Emily Liles, Seconded by Umeka Wright. A motion was presented, properly seconded and carried.

Committee Announcements

Patience requested suggestions, and comments concerning future topics and agenda items.

Vanessa Baum with Family Place ~Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month~ announced that she has been going to campuses during the lunch period bringing awareness to Teen Dating Violence and providing resources to GPISD students. Ms. Baum gave a shout out to Crosswind for having the best responses to the question asked “ What is Love”

Dustin Seymour, Director of Child Nutrition Operations, shared several positive updates from around the district. He mentioned meeting with parent liaisons to discuss various meal options for students, the golden ticket program which allows parents to sample food at different campuses, Eat the Alphabet, roaming chefs at GPCI and Reagan, the upcoming Farmers Market on March 7th-8th, and a salad bar at GPHS. Additionally, he discussed the upcoming Flavor Fest in April, where a group of students will try new food items and provide feedback. This year, the event will be held at GPFAA and will involve approximately 800 students. Dustin expressed his enthusiasm for providing regular updates at future meetings.

Gwendolyn Sanders, LCSW, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Advisor shared the following upcoming events that will take place around the district

March - School Social Work week March 4th-8th

Escape the Vape Week~ Elementary- High School

Patience Baity shared the Family Life education meeting that will take place tonight February 28, 2024 from 5:00-6:30p.m. for all 4th and 5th grade parents.

Patience Baity- Thanked everyone for coming!

Meeting Adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024